Amendments to the Specification

Please amend paragraph [0001] as follows:

[0001] The invention relates to a joint-site structure for a shaft/hub composite workpiece for joining the shaft to a connection flange of a hub part by means of friction welding and to a method for ~~producing said structure according to the preambles of claims 1 and 9~~ joining a shaft, in particular a crankshaft for a motor vehicle, to a connection flange of a hub part of a drive wheel.

Please add the following new heading before paragraph [0002]:

BACKGROUND

Please add the following new heading before paragraph [0006]:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Please replace paragraph [0006] with the following amended paragraph:

[0006] ~~The~~ An object of the invention is to specify a novel design of the joint site for a shaft/disk composite workpiece, with which design the defects are minimized and the mechanical strength properties of the joint are increased. ~~The~~ Another object of the invention is ~~also~~ to specify a method for producing the joint site.

Please delete paragraph [0007].

Please replace paragraph [0008] with the following amended paragraph:

[0008] ~~According to the~~ In an advantageous embodiment of the invention, the joint-site structure of a shaft/hub composite workpiece, in particular for joining a shaft to a connection flange of a hub part of a drive wheel by means of friction welding, is designed in such a way that a defined gap is incorporated between the shaft and the connection flange of the hub part in front of and behind the joint site, this gap preventing the spread of the material softened during the friction welding, and the height of the gap is dimensioned in such a way that the composite workpiece has a widened bonding zone in front of and behind the joint site.